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DEEP ENOUGH BUT NO OIL YET.

Hardy No. 4, a Half Mile South of the Discovery Well at Markham, Was Down Over 1,500 Feet on July 20 Without Result—Hardy No. 8, Nearly a Mile Southeast, Was Also Below the Level of the Pay in Hardy No. 1—Guffey Tests to the East and West Are 1,600 Feet and Dry so Far. Two Wells Close In Are Not Deep Enough to Have the Sand—Goose Creek Well Now Producing Mostly Fresh Water, With About 75 Barrels of Red Oil—Preparing to Pump It.

Conditions at Markham, up to July 20, had shown no change. On that date Hardy 2, a new hole 450 feet north of Hardy 1, the discovery well, was 800 feet and in gumbo. On account of a twist-off the first location of Hardy 2 was abandoned. Hardy 3, about 450 feet west of Hardy 1, also developed a fishing job, and has been hung up over three weeks. A new hole has been started a few hundred feet south of it and is carried in the report as Hardy 11.

A half mile south and a few hundred feet west of the discovery well, the Hardy 4 on July 20 was over 1,500 feet, or considerably deeper than the bottom of the Hardy 1. Four thousand feet southeast of the discovery well, the Hardy 8 was 1,415 feet deep and in reddish gumbo on the same date. A half mile west of Hardy 1 the Hardy Company's No. 7 was nearly 1,200 feet deep and in gumbo. Northwest a little over a half mile, Hardy 5 and 6 were less than 1,150 feet.

The four Guffey wells have shown nothing and three of them were deep enough on July 20 to have the stuff if it was in their territory. Guffey 1 on the Northern Irrigation land, about 3,000 feet east of Hardy 1, and Guffey 1 on the Elbert Ellis, a mile west of Hardy 1, were each 1,600 feet without a smell. Guffey 1 on the Ramussen land, nearly a mile north of Hardy 1, was about 1,375 feet, with no showing. It is stated that the Guffey Company will drill the Ramussen well for a deep test. Over a mile west and 2,900 feet north of Hardy 1, the Guffey 1 on the Neal Foster was 1,265 feet deep on July 20. A mile or more beyond it, to the northwest, the Markham Fuel Oil Company, composed of local people, is drilling on the Richmond land in section 554 of the G. C. & S. F. survey.

The Guffey Company has made a location on lot 22 of the Henry Parker, a mile south of Hardy 1 and a half mile south of Hardy 4. The Hardy Oil Company has a derrick up for its No. 9 on lot 4 of the Henry Parker, 500 feet east of the discovery well, and also has derrick up for its No. 10 on the William Hadden, about 500 feet east of the Hardy 2 and the same distance north of the derrick for No. 9. The Producers Oil Company has made no move toward drilling its Hudson least, lot 15 of the Parker. Hardy 8 is directly east of this land and Hardy 4 is right across the line to the west, in the north-eastern corner of lot 14.

Hardy 1 has been opened at intervals and flows steadily at the rate of 140 to 150 barrels an hour. The 50,000 barrel earthen tank, built for the Hardy Company, was completed last week, but the well has not been permitted to flow into it continuously. The pipe line to Markham has been completed and tested, the loading rack on the Southern Pacific is ready and the iron work is finished on the 37,500 barrel tank near the railroad. Grading for the siding on which the rack is to be located has started.

In the matter of the vacant land, supposed to exist between the William Hadden and Henry Parker surveys, and filed on by various parties, an agreement was made July 13 by attorneys for the Hardy Oil Company with the attorney general's department under the terms of which the oil company gave assurance that it would not dispose of any oil from the well, presumed by the several applicants to be on the supposed vacant strip, pending a hearing at Austin on July 18. This hearing was attended by all of those interested, and their legal representatives. The Hardy Company presented testimony to show that the original bearings, showing the boundaries of the two surveys, had been established and were well known to old settlers in the locality. F. J. Hardy of the Hardy Oil Company, who was the first to file on the supposed vacant land, said he knew that no vacancy existed but that he put in his application to head off others who might seek to profit by filing on a fictitious vacant strip. The state surveyor's department presented testimony as to the results of the surveys and examinations made since the controversy arose, and this tended to show that there was a vacant strip. Assistant Attorney General Hawkins, who presided at the hearing, asked the parties at interest to furnish maps, sketches and other data during the present week. It is expected that before the end of the present month he will determine whether or not there is ground for a suit by the state for possession of the land. If such action is filed the state will claim the land for the benefit of the state school fund. The Hardy people say there is absolutely no merit in the contention that a vacancy exists, and that they are perfectly sure of their ground. The applicants, excepting Mr. Hardy, naturally take the opposite view. It is asserted that the area involved is some 273 acres, including the land upon which the discovery well is located.

GOOSE CREEK WELL MAKING RED OIL AND LITTLE OF THAT.

The discovery well at Goose Creek is showing a constantly increasing percentage of fresh water and the oil has gone red. A report on July 20 stated that the well was not making more than 75 barrels of oil. A standard rig has been built over it and the well will be pumping some time this week.

Six rigs were running in the Goose Creek district on July 20, and two were about ready to start. The Producers Oil Company is drilling on the Duke, the Jones, the Sweet, the Pelly, the Gaillard and the Ashbell Smith. The well on the Ashbell Smith is the old Simms & Farish test, and is the deepest hole yet drilled in the district, being over 2,200 feet. Producers 2 on the Gaillard is 350 feet southwest of the discovery well on the same land. The Duke well is three-quarters of a mile northwest, the Jones well one half mile north, the Pelly well one-half mile northwest and the Sweet well 1,000 feet east. The Guffey Company will start this week on the Scorreggo 80 acres, west of the creek and about 3,000 feet northwest of the discovery well. Burt & McGaffey are starting a test on the Kittredge 680 acres, beyond the Ashbell Smith and about two miles southeast of the Gaillard 1. They also expect to drill on the Hoskins land, adjoining the Kittredge on the east. The Producers Company has a rig on the Bush ten acre tract, 1,000 feet west of Gaillard 1, and will begin work within a few days.

By the end of the present month the Producers people ought to know whether they have anything in the various tests they started in June, including the No. 2 on the Gaillard, and the wells on the Duke and Jones tracts.

H. T. Rue has sub-leased to the Producers Oil Company the 304 acre Isenhour tract out of the William Scott league, situated near the mouth of Goose Creek and between the mouth of and the shore of San Jacinto bay. It is understood that under the terms of the lease the Producers Company is to begin drilling in 60 days. Mr. Rue receives a bonus of 37½ per cent royalty on flowing wells, of which one-third goes to the owner of the land under the original lease, taken by Mr. Rue three years ago.

The American Sulphur & Oil Company has resumed drilling on its No. 3 in the Trinity river bottom, south of Liberty, Tex., This well has been shut down several months on account of high water.

IN THE OKLAHOMA OIL FIELDS

Prairie Oil and Gas Company.

	June 1 to 14.	July 1 to 14.
Runs	972,545	1,203,296
Daily average	69,467	85,949
Deliveries	951,383	1,046,550
Daily average	67,955	74,753
Tanked	21,161	156,745
Daily average	1,511	11,196

Gulf Pipe Line Company.

	June 1 to 14.	July 1 to 14.
Runs	72,800	168,000
Daily average	5,200	12,000
Deliveries	.....	210,000
Daily average	.....	15,000
Tanked	72,800	.....
Daily average	5,200	.....

The Texas Company.

	June 1 to 14.	July 1 to 14.
Runs	70,000	231,000
Daily average	5,000	16,500
Deliveries	.....	231,000
Daily average	.....	16,500
Tanked	70,000	.....
Daily average	5,000	.....

TULSA, OKLA., July 17.—(Special.)—Producers throughout the Oklahoma fields are most concerned just now with the suits instituted by Attorney General West against the Prairie Oil & Gas Company. The first was filed at Guthrie on July 3, and had the effect of enjoining the Prairie Company from proceeding with the construction of the two short lines in the Cherokee shallow and deep sand districts. This case is to be heard at Guthrie on July 27. Mr. West bases it on the contention that the Prairie, as a foreign corporation, has no right to cross any state highways, even though permission be secured from county commissioners and payment be made for the privilege. He holds that crossing the state roads involves the exercise of the right of eminent domain—a right conferred only upon domestic corporations. Oil operators were considerably aroused when he filed the first suit, but when the second was instituted at Guthrie on July 13, aimed at the entire business of the Prairie Company in the state of Oklahoma, indignation found free vent in very general criticisms of Mr. West's policy. Conditions in the various fields are unfavorable enough to the interests of producers without additional complications is the way the oil men feel about it, and they resent attempts by the attorney general to harrass and embarrass the pipe line company which takes their oil. Mr. West in his second suit seeks to make the Prairie Company give up the producing end of its business. He has stated a number of times that it is his object to make the company take out an Oklahoma charter. While no authoritative statement has been made it is the impression that the company will resist the efforts to make it domesticate. Mr. West visited Bartlesville and Tulsa, met the producers and looked over the Glenn pool, but apparently did not alter his determination to push the suits. The oil men talked to him pretty plainly, showing him how their interests were menaced by his action, but if it had any effect the results are yet to be discerned. Governor Haskell did not authorize the suits, and has taken issue with Mr. West over them. He has announced that he will send a representative to the oil country to make a thorough investigation, and when he has the facts before him he will determine whether to interfere.

PIPE LINE RUNS IMPROVING.

Mid-continent pipe line runs during the first two weeks of July averaged 114,449 barrels a day, divided as follows: Prairie, 85,949 barrels, Texas 16,500 barrels and Gulf 12,000 barrels The record for the corresponding period in June, when the effect of rains and floods was being most severely felt by the pipe lines, was 79,667 barrels, of which the Prairie ran 69,467 barrels, the Gulf 5,200 barrels and the Texas 5,000 barrels. Both trunk lines to Texas have been working through this month, whereas during the greater part of June they were out of commission, due to the washouts at Red river. The Gulf Company has not yet strung its main line across Red river, but is getting 15,000 barrels a day through a temporary 4 inch line, which crosses the river on the Frisco bridge at Arthur City. The Prairie's deliveries from July 1 to 14 averaged 74,753 barrels a day, the Gulf Company's 15,000 barrels a day and The Texas Company's 16,500 barrels a day. This means that more than 100,000 barrels a day is being moved from the various fields.

IN THE MUSKOGEE FIELD.

Recent developments in the Muskogee field have been of a very encouraging character. The Okla Oil Company's No. 1 in the center of the west line of the south half of the southwest quarter of section 5-14-18 is making 1,000 barrels of high grade oil. The same company is drilling its No. 2 one location north of No. 1 in section 5. No. 3, one location south of No. 1, is starting. Wilson & Moore's No. 1 on the chicken farm in section 6, across the line from Okla No. 1, is making 800 to 900 barrels. They are drilling their No. 2 one location north of No. 1. No. 3 is one location south of No. 1 and is rigging to drill. The same people have a well about 1,000 feet due north of their No. 1 which is making only about 25 barrels. There are some striking variations in the depth at which the pay sand is found at Muskogee. For instance, the drilling on the Julia Hershey farm, north half of the northwest quarter of section 8-14-18, did not develop the pay sand found in the wells north of there, but got a good sand at 1,456 feet, fifty feet below the pay in the other wells. Producing wells drilled nearly a year ago on the Samantha Barnett farm, adjoining the Julia Hershey farm on the south, found the pay at 1,540 feet. This shows a big dip to the south. The best sand in section 9, a mile east, was found at 1,740 feet.

NEW DEEP WELL NEAR OKMULGEE.

What may prove to be an important well, came in Friday night, July 10, in section 10-12-12, nine miles southwest of Okmulgee. It was drilled by the Tiger Oil Company and is in new territory. The sand was found at 2,345 feet. The drill was stopped at the top of the sand to wait for casing, but during the night the well started making oil and the next day was producing at the rate of 50 barrels. A very heavy gas pressure was encountered.

STEEL TANK CONSTRUCTION.

There is a decided revival in steel tank construction in the Glenn field. The Okla Oil Company, formerly the Associated Producers, has just completed a 37,500 barrel tank and is commencing a 55,000 barrel tank. This company will also replace all of the wooden settling tanks at the wells on its property with metal tanks. This will be the first time that metal settling tanks have been erected in the Glenn field. In addition to this the Okla Company will construct two 1,000 barrel tanks on the west side of its lease through which to deliver oil to the pipe line. The Franchot Company is just finishing its fourteenth 55,000 barrel tank, and has grades ready for Nos. 15, 16 and 17. The Eastern Oil Company will construct an additional 55,000 barrel tank, which will be its No. 9, and the Quaker Oil Company is to build three 55,000 barrel tanks. A. W. Shulthis will build an additional 55,000 barrel tank, and the National Oil Company is to build another of the same capacity. The Holdenville Oil Company will construct another 55,000 barrel tank at its farm, which will be its No. 9. The Selby Oil & Gas Company is to build two additional 55,000 barrel tanks.

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THE CROSBIE AND TAYLOR DEALS.

The Gypsy Oil Company has just recently consummated several purchases in the Glenn field, including J. E. Crosbie's quarter interest in the Crosbie Oil Company, and his quarter interest in the Lafayette Development Company. The Crosbie Oil Company was organized to take over the Hammett & Gillespie 72½ acres. The Lafayette Development Company owns the Moses Warren Drew 80 acres. The other purchases made by the Gypsy Company were the interests of Matt Taylor in the Beacon Oil Company and the Shamrock Oil Company. Mr. Taylor has thus disposed of all his holdings in the Glenn field, which had proved quite profitable to him, and he has gone to his home in New York and will not return here. He expects to go to Europe for the summer. Mr. Crosbie, however, still has property in the Glenn field consisting of the Jacob Anderson 100 acre lease and the Matilda Crow lease, both of which are large producers. He also has extensive holdings in the Muskogee, Morris and Bald Hill fields.

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS

The law enacted by the last Congress through the exertions of Senator Owens of Oklahoma, providing for the removal of the restrictions on the sale of a large amount of Indian land goes into effect July 27. Under this law about a third of all unsold land will become available for sale. A considerable area of it is supposed to be valuable for oil and gas purposes. It is expected that very extensive sales will take place immediately after the law goes into effect. It is estimated that at least a million dollars worth of land in the vicinity of Tulsa will be sold. The law is perhaps the most important enacted by Congress affecting this state and Senator Owen has received great praise for his exertions in its behalf. As soon as sold the lands become taxable and the state will receive a large revenue from them, whereas at the present time they pay no taxes whatever.

WEST FILES ANOTHER SUIT.

The return of Governor Haskell from the Denver convention does not appear to have had any restraining influence over Attorney General West so far as his hostility to the Prairie Oil and Gas Company is concerned. On July 13 he instituted a suit in the Logan county district court asking the court to compel the company to relinquish all its holdings of oil lands, oil wells, leases and oil producing property of every description in the eastern counties of the state of Oklahoma. His contention is that as the Prairie Oil and Gas Company is a public service corporation and a common carrier it is permitted under the constitution of the state to own only such lands as are necessary to the carrying on of its business. The company is charged with having made discriminating rates in the counties of Washington, Tulsa, Nowata, Osage and Rogers and to have established a monopoly. If the restraint prayed for in the petition affords no relief to the independent producer, the attorney general asks that a receiver be appointed and that the company's affairs be taken charge of by the state. The suit is filed contrary to the express directions of Governor Haskell as conveyed in his letter to Lieutenant Governor Bellamy, when the governor was on his way to the Denver convention, and therefore widens the breach between the two state officials. In fact West by this action has thrown down the gauntlet to Haskell and openly defied him. West is quoted as saying that the Prairie

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Company must domesticate and subject itself to the state laws. The suit is the most far-reaching in its effect of any he has yet brought. The hearing on the temporary injunction secured by West on July 3, restraining the Prairie from building the two short lines in the shallow sand and Hogshooter districts is set for July 27 at Guthrie.

ATTORNEY GENERAL AT TULSA.

Attorney General West surprised the oil men of Bartlesville Tuesday, July 14, by appearing there to confer with them concerning the suits he has brought against the Prairie Oil and Gas Company. It is hardly necessary to say he did not receive any great amount of encouragement since the Prairie is the only purchaser of oil in that field. From Bartlesville he came to Tulsa and met a number of producers at the Robinson hotel in the afternoon and evening. He heard much the same kind of talk here that he heard in Bartlesville. Some of those with whom he talked put it to him pretty straight and pretty hard, for there is a very tense feeling here on the subject. The sentiment that pervades all classes is that while there may be technical grounds for these suits they are unnecessary, untimely and ill advised. Their depressing and disastrous effect on the oil business is apparent on every hand and it is felt that if Mr. West persists in his course great loss will follow. On Wednesday morning following his arrival here Mr. West went to the Glenn field in company with a number of oil men and returned here in the evening to hold more conferences. But in all his conversations he gave out the impression that the issues he has raised against the Prairie must be settled in the courts, hence there does not seem to be much hope of an early adjustment of the trouble. In the mean time Governor Haskell has been heard from again and he seems to be hedging a little. He now says that he is going to look into these suits brought by the attorney general and that if they have merit he will allow them to proceed, but if they have none he will stop them. While in Tulsa West reiterated the statement that he was proceeding on his own initiative and that Haskell had nothing to do with it.

GLENN OIL AND TANKS BURNED.

On Sunday, July 12, lightning fired two 1,600 barrel wooden tanks of the Gulf Pipe Line Company on the Sam Vowel land of the Indiana Oil & Gas Company property in the Glenn pool. There was no insurance and the loss is placed at $1,700. On the following afternoon, during a hard rain, lightning struck a 35,000 barrel steel tank on the Kansas-Oklahoma property belonging to the Prairie Oil and Gas Company. The flames spread and consumed four 1,600 barrel tanks of the Kansas-Oklahoma Company. The 35,-

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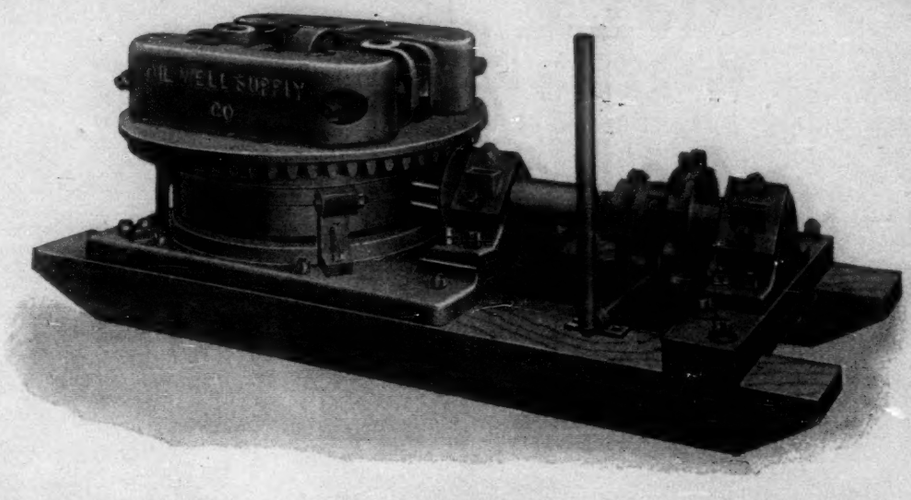

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000 barrel tank was one of three purchased some time ago by the Prairie Company from the Kansas-Oklahoma Company. One of the three, a 55,000 barrel tank, was destroyed by lightning several weeks ago. When the fire of Monday afternoon was reported the Prairie officials here made up a special train and took down a number of extra men, but they could do nothing more than protect the remaining tank. When the burning oil boiled over at 8:30 in the evening a tremendous great height and made a spectacle that attracted the attention of everybody in Tulsa.

OIL TANKS AND LIGHTNING.

The great number of tanks in the Glenn field destroyed by lightning this season has started a persistent inquiry among operators to discover some effective method of preventing these disasters. The losses of the Gulf Pipe Line Company, through fires started by lightning, have been heavy and F. A. Leovy, manager of the Oklahoma division of that company, has been making a special study of the subject. As a result of his investigations he has been led to believe that lightning strikes more frequently in a big oil field than elsewhere because of the generation of so much gas which floats off in the air and thus makes it more subject to electrical disturbance. Great numbers of steel tanks also probably attract lightning. But Mr. Leovy has come to the conclusion that if tanks were constructed wholly of

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steel there would not be so many destructive conflagrations. It is the wood in the tank that is responsible for the oil catching fire. In proof of this he points to the fact that a bolt of lightning has often been seen to penetrate an open reservoir of ground storage oil and have no effect whatever. The reason of this is that oil has to be heated to a certain point before it will burn. The lightning bolt is instantaneous and the oil does not become sufficiently heated to flash. When a bolt of lightning strikes an oil tank the woodwork catches fire and this heats the oil to the flash point. Mr. Leovy's idea is to construct tanks altogether of steel, employing no wood for roofing, girders or anything else. Such tanks, he thinks, might be struck by lightning with a fair chance of escaping destruction.

AT BALD HILL.

Nothing startling is reported from Bald Hill. The runs of the Prairie Oil and Gas Company from this field for the week ending July 11 averaged 2,200 barrels a day. The total production for the same week was 19,875 barrels and the total oil in field storage was 156,910 barrels. The Galbreath & Chesley well on the northeast quarter of section 20 is good for only about 10 barrels. The well of the Margaret Oil Company in the southwest quarter of section 33 is shut down but drilling will be resumed and it will be put to 3,000 feet to test all formations. The well of the Power Oil Company, R. A. Josey and others, in the northeast quarter of section 34, shows for about 300 barrels. Another Josey well in the southeast quarter of section 29 is reported good for only about 10 barrels.

WELL NEAR HASKELL.

A well is reported on the Julia Friday allotment, section 8-15-15, four and a half miles southwest of Haskell and between that place and Bald Hill. The well belongs to the Sagamore Oil Company and was drilled some time ago and capped. It broke loose Tuesday, the 14th, and made a good showing of high grade oil. Haskell is on the Midland Valley Railroad, about 25 miles from Tulsa.

PERSONAL NOTES.

J. E. Crosbie has gone to the Detroit races and will go from there to his home at Sarnia, Ontario, where he will spend a month with his family.

J. E. Wade, the oil accountant, has gone with his family to his old home in Pennsylvania to spend a portion of the summer.

A. L. Braymer, superintendent of production for the Gulf Pipe Line Company, is very ill with erysipelas. He has not been well for some time, but his illness took a serious turn only a few days ago.

Colonel H. P. Langworthy, auditor of the Gulf Pipe Line Company, after having undergone a serious surgical operation, is again at his office, and appears to be entirely restored to health.

Judge James B. Diggs, attorney for many oil operators and companies, was recently married to Miss Edith McCleary in Kansas City. He and his bride are now settled in their home in Tulsa.

Charles D. Wrightsman, who is associated with Judge Diggs in practice, has recently returned from New York where he underwent a slight surgical operation.

Charles Page is spending his summer vacation at the Hotel Elmore in Denver. Mr. Page owns the Elmore. He was in Denver during the Democratic convention.

W. H. Roeser attended the big convention at Denver. He had two of his automobiles with him.

George Davis, the contractor, has gone to Detroit to attend the races. So has Frank Young.

John F. Black, of the Producers Oil Company, is at Mount Clemens, and will run over to Detroit to attend the races.

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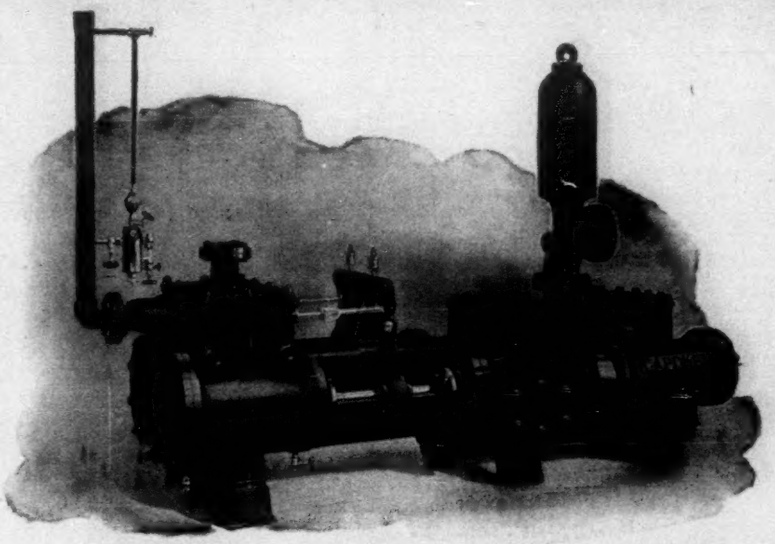

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Producers Company, will make his home in St. Louis. His company has recently acquired large holdings in the Illinois field, and Mr. Connolly will spend his time between Illinois and Oklahoma.

Doctor Rogers, of Reeder & Rogers of Tulsa, was formerly the owner of the 260 acres on which the big well was brought in at Markham, Texas, last month. He sold it two years ago for $2,400 to parties who expected to make rice land of it.

Mrs. Edw. A. Latimer and children are spending the summer with relatives at Bluffton, Indiana. Mr. Latimer, who is superintendent for the Prairie Oil & Gas Company in this district, will join them later in the summer for a short vacation.

NOTES.

The E. J. Bonaker Company has a prospect on the Lelia Drew allotment, three miles north of Broken Arrow. The sand was found at 1,202 feet and drilled into 25 feet, developing a little oil but no gas.

Charles Bliss of Muskogee, who has made money in the last two years out of the Glenn field, has commenced the erection of a five story reinforced concrete office building on the northwest corner of Third and Main streets in Tulsa. It is to be one of the handsomest structures in the city. The first floor will be occupied by a new bank.

J. L. Dowling, superintendent of The Texas Company at Tulsa, is taking a month's vacation.

L. J. Black, field superintendent of the Higgins Oil and Fuel Company, arrived from Beaumont on July 13 on business for his company. He was accompanied by W. H. Cunningham.

Development in the neighborhood of the Armstrong & Cromin well, recently brought in on the Brady lease three miles north of Tulsa, is proceeding favorably. One of the wells drilled as an offset by the Los Angeles-Cherokee Company has been brought in and as making about 400 barrels. J. R. R.

MORE GOOD WELLS AT MUSKOGEE.

TULSA., OKLA., July 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Three new wells at Muskogee are reported to be making from 35 to 40 barrels an hour each. They are Wilson & Moore's No. 2 on the south half of the southeast quarter of section 6-14-18, the Okla Oil Company's No. 2 on the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 5-14-18, offsetting the Wilson & Moore wells, and Boyd & Patton's latest one on the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 8-14-18.

TIGER FLATS DEEP WELL DRILLED IN.

TULSA, OKLA., July 20—(Special Telegram)—The Tiger Flats well in section 10-12-12, southwest of Okmulgee, has been drilled 20 feet into the sand and at 2365 feet is reported to be making 10 barrels an hour. The Sagamore well in sectloon 8-15-15 is drilling in today.

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SUIT ON LAND AT GOOSE CREEK.

J. C. Hale of Travis County, Texas, has filed suit at Houston to try title to a portion of the Harvey Whiting league at Goose Creek. The following defendents are named:

Peter Smith, J. W. Tompkins, Thomas W. Wiggins, L. W. Jones, D. A. Wiggins, Michael Casey, Will Powers, Ed Smith, George Warner, Ella Napoleon, John Gaillard, E. K. Busch, Fred Pelley, W. O. Ilfrey, John Ilfrey, Jesse Knowlton, Price Pruett, John Archer Read, William Taylor, P. M. Grandberry, Walter Gresham, Ashbel Smith Land Company, Ninety-nine Pumping Company and Producers Oil Company.

It is reported from Belton, Texas, that oil indications on the Ferguson farm 2½ miles south of the town, have led to the formation of a company which will drill a test well. The Bell-Penn Company is drilling seven miles from Belton.

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GENERAL PIPE LINE STATISTICS

(Six Months, 1908.)

MID-CONTINENT REGION.

PRAIRIE OIL AND GAS COMPANY.

1908.	Total Bbls.	Daily Avg.
January	2,914,843.19	94,027.20
February	2,773,592.27	95,641.11
March	2,985,696.98	96,312.81
April	2,979,844.45	99,328.15
May	2,487,425.95	80,239.55
June	2,395,325.78	79,844.19
Total	16,536,728.62	

Deliveries.

January	2,332,098.07	75,228.97
February	2,005,284.75	69,147.75
March	1,994,992.29	64,354.29
April	1,941,283.80	64,709.46
May	1,987,441.31	64,111.01
June	2,162,764.80	72,092.16
Total	12,423,865.02	

Tanked.

January	582,745.12	18,798.23
February	763,307.52	26,493.36
March	990,704.69	31,958.22
April	1,038,560.65	34,618.69
May	499,984.64	16,128.54
June	232,560.98	7,752.03
Total	4,112,863.60	

Stocks.

February 1	32,569,215.29
March 1	33,352,054.29
April 1	34,555,351.62
May 1	35,739,398.64
June 1	36,325,501.64
July 1	36,662,436.00

GULF PIPE LINE COMPANY.

(Estimated.)

Runs.

January	558,000	18,000
February	533,600	18,400
March	620,000	20,000
April	546,000	18,200
May	461,900	14,900
June	240,000	8,000
Total	2,959,500	

Deliveries.

January	387,500	12,500
February	437,900	15,100
March	496,000	16,000
April	390,000	13,000
May	325,000	10,484
June	126,000	4,200
Total	2,162,400	

Tanked.

January	170,500	5,500
February	95,700	3,300
March	124,000	4,000
April	156,000	5,200
May	136,900	4,416
June	114,000	3,800
Total	797,100	

Stocks.

June 1	5,406,900

THE TEXAS COMPANY.

(Estimated.)

Runs.

January	465,000	15,000
February	464,000	16,000
March	465,000	15,000
April	450,000	15,000
May	372,000	12,000
June	150,000	5,000
Total	2,366,000	

Deliveries.

January	465,000	15,000
February	464,000	16,000
March	465,000	15,000
April	450,000	15,000
May	315,000	10,161
June	.....	.....
Total	2,159,000	

Tanked.

May	57,000	1,839
June	150,000	5,000
Total	207,000	

Stocks.

July 1	2,607,000

RECAPITULATION OF MID-CONTINENT REGION.

All Pipe Line Runs.

January	3,937,843.19	127,027.20
February	3,771,192.27	130,041.11
March	4,070,696.98	131,312.81
April	3,975,844.45	132,528.15
May	3,321,325.95	107,139.55
June	2,785,325.78	92,844.19
Total	21,862,228.62	

Deliveries.

January	3,184,598.07	102,728.97
February	2,907,184.75	100,247.75
March	2,955,992.29	95,354.29
April	2,781,283.80	92,709.46
May	2,627,441.31	84,756.01
June	2,288,764.80	76,292.16
Total	16,745,265.02	

Tanked.

January	753,245.12	24,298.23
February	864,007.52	29,793.36
March	1,114,704.69	35,958.22
April	1,194,560.65	39,818.69
May	693,884.64	22,383.54
June	496,560.98	16,552.03
Total	5,116,963.60	

MID-CONTINENT STOCKS JULY 1.

	Barrels.
Prairie O. & G. Co.	36,662,436
Gulf P. L. Co. (Est.)	5,406,900
The Texas Company (Est.)	2,607,000
In producers' tanks (Est.)	6,800,000
Total	51,476,336

GULF COAST REGION.

(Estimated.)

Production.

1908.	Total Bbls.	Daily Avg.
January	1,479,950	47,740
February	1,497,950	51,653
March	1,663,980	53,677
April	1,475,600	49,187
May	1,395,200	45,006
June	1,294,500	43,150
Total	8,807,180	

Consumption.

January	1,192,791	38,477
February	977,113	33,694
March	949,814	30,640
April	905,143	30,171
May	1,026,266	33,105
June	904,446	30,148
Total	5,955,573	

Stocks.

July 1 (Est.)	6,494,732
June 1 (Est.)	6,104,678
Increase	390,054

ILLINOIS REGION.

1908.	Runs.	Shipments.
January	2,497,354.21	77,936.36
February	2,464,914.17	230,336.22
March	2,591,911.33	303,318.31
April	3,089,417.23	216,938.31
May	3,084,815.94	306,900.83
*June	2,965,786.03	312,050.84
Total	16,694,398.91	1,447,480.87

*Other receipts, 947,741.70.
*Other deliveries, 2,275,633.18.
*Daily average runs from wells, 98,859.53.

Stocks.

1908.	Barrels.
January 1	12,610,618.11
February 1	14,053,277.39
March 1	15,010,751.96
April 1	15,848,970.90
May 1	17,325,277.94
June 1	18,944,277.72
July	20,352,880.67

PENNSYLVANIA-LIMA-KENTUCKY.

Runs.

1908.	Total Bbls.	Daily Avg.
January	2,533,716.21	21,732.78
February	2,333,342.23	80,460.07
March	2,611,812.17	84,252.00
April	2,583,085.20	86,102.84
May	2,637,988.98	85,096.41
June	2,675,864.64	89,195.49
Total	15,375,809.43	

Deliveries.

January	5,554,984.38	179,193.04
February	4,985,638.34	171,918.56
March	5,147,047.87	166,03[illegible].80
April	5,325,816.54	177,52[illegible].22
May	5,561,057.02	179,388.94
June	5,708,922.18	190,297.40
Total	32,283,466.33	

Gross Stocks.

January 1	12,472,264.11
February 1	12,835,197.60
March 1	12,949,112.20
April 1	13,512,728.28
May 1	13,831,205.85
June 1	13,716,795.69
July 1	13,758,311.62

GRADES OF OIL.

The following table shows the amount of the different grades of oil held by the Eastern pipe lines at the close of May and June, and included in the gross stocks in above table:

Grade.	May.	June.
Pennsylvania	3,262,774.45	3,556,124.63
Lima	4,279,366.20	4,151,247.22
Kentucky	307,148.95	224,034.33
Kansas	2,954,769.51	2,777,811.29
Illinois	2,912,736.58	3,049,094.15
Total	13,716,795.69	13,758,311.62

ALL LIGHT OIL RECEIPTS.

Following are the average daily receipts of the different grades of oil by the various lines during June:

Field.	Barrels.
Pennsylvania	68,322
Lima	20,873
Illinois	98,859
Mid-continent	92,844
Total	280,898
Total May	291,745
Decrease	10,847

PIPE LINE STOCKS OF LIGHT OIL.

The stocks of Oklahoma and Kansas oil held by the Prairie Oil and Gas Company amounted to 36,662,436 barrels at the close of June. The stocks held by the Gulf Pipe Line and The Texas Company were estimated at 8,013,900 barrels, which would make the total stocks in the tanks of the pipe line companies west of the Mississippi 44,676,336 barrels.

The total stocks of the different grades of oil held by the various pipe line companies at the close of June were as follows:

Kind of Oil.	Barrels.
Pennsylvania	3,556,124
Lima	4,151,247
Kentucky	224,034
Illinois, Eastern lines	3,049,094
Illinois, Ohio Oil Co.	20,352,880
Mid-Continent, Eastern lines	2,777,811
Mid-Continent, Western lines	44,676,336
Total	78,787,526
Total May 31	76,736,474
Increase	2,051,052

STARTING A NEW WELL AT MOORINGSPORT.

The old Guffey well on the Hostetter land at Mooringsport, three miles south of the Caddo development, has been abandoned and the rig has been moved to a new location, which will be known as Guffey 1 on the Hostetter. The well which was abandoned created some excitement last spring by making several flows after standing idle for a year. It was worked on, but the casing was in bad shape, having collapsed. High water stopped operations in May and when it was possible to resume work it was decided to make a new hole.

The Hooks Oil Company started a test at Tar Springs near Rockland, Tex., on July 13. Several wells have been drilled in this locality and some good showings have been developed.

TEXAS AND LOUISIANA SUMMARY

(July 1 to 15.)

Gulf Coast production on July 15 was put at 51,305 barrels, Southeast Texas being credited with 31,180 barrels and Louisiana 20,125 barrels. These figures indicate an increase of 3,145 barrels in gross output of all Gulf districts compared with the June 30 estimate. Markham has not figured in the estimates of daily production as the well there has been opened only at intervals. The increased output is the result of new wells at Humble, Jennings and Anse la Butte. The other districts show practically no change.

THE CRUDE OIL MARKET.

The Sun Company on July 7 posted a new list of credit balance prices, reducing the quotations of June 29 from 2 to 4 cents on all districts. Spindletop, Sour Lake and Humble were cut 3 cents, making the price on each of these fields 42 cents. Saratoga was reduced from 42 cents to 38 cents, Batson from 41 cents to 38 cents and Dayton from 38 cents to 35 cents. The Gulf Pipe Line Company, which suspended credit balance quotations on June 8, resumed them on July 8 with the following prices: Spindletop and Sour Lake 40 cents, Humble 42 cents, Saratoga and Batson 39 cents. These figures represent reductions from the list in effect before the withdrawal of credit balance quotations of 17 cents on Spindletop and Sour Lake, 16 cents on Humble, 19 cents on Saratoga and 14 cents on Batson. The fuel oil market remains dull, with oil offered at Humble, Sour Lake, Spindletop and Jennings on board cars at 50 cents.

FIELD OPERATIONS.

Eighteen wells were completed in the Gulf region during the first half of July, 11 being producers for a total of 5990 barrels of new oil, and 7 dry. The record for the corresponding period in June was 34 completions, 22 being producers with initial output of 3130 barrels and 12 dry. Three districts, Humble, Anse la Butte and Jennings, furnished 5,880 barrels of the new production secured during the first half of the present month. Humble came to the front with a 3,000 barrel well, Sun Company 57 on the Bailey & West in the northern part of the field. Anse la Butte completed one, Lake Oil Company 9, that started at 300 barrels an hour but soon showed 80 per cent or more of water. Four new wells at Jennings added 1,300 barrels to that field's output. Six districts did not contribute to the column of new production—Spindletop, Saratoga, Caddo, Dayton, Goose Creek and Markham. Sour Lake and Batson together added 110 barrels to this item. On July 15 there were 92 wells drilling and 11 rigs in the various Gulf districts, a total of 103, as compared with 83 wells drilling and 11 rigs, a total of 94, on June 30.

DISTRICTS IN DETAIL.

Only 1 new drilling well was added to the list at Goose Creek in the first half of July. This was Producers 1 on the Sweet 20 acres, located about 1,000 feet east of the discovery well on the Gaillard farm. On July 15 there were 5 wells drilling and 2 rigs up in the district, with derricks going up for 2 more. The producing well shows an increasing percentage of water and at last reports was making only 70 to 100 barrels of reddish oil.

Markham, chief center of interest in the Gulf region, reported no completions during the first half of July. The discovery well has been permitted to flow at intervals and has shown some improvements over its original performance, making about 150 barrels an hour. Ten wells were drilling on July 15, the Hardy Oil Company running 6 of the rigs and the Guffey Company 4. A half mile south of the Hardy 1 the No. 4 of the same Company is deeper than the discovery wel. Hardy 8, about 4000 feet southeast of No. 1, was nearly 1300 feet on July 15. A mile west of Hardy 1 the Guffey test on the Elbert Ellis land was 1500 feet and a little over a half mile east of the Hardy 1 the Gufey well on the Northern Irrigation land was 1400 feet deep on the same date. So far as is known there has been nothing in any of these wells to encourage the drillers. Hardy 7 on the Moore-Briggs land a half mile west of the discovery well looked good enough to warrant a test at 950 feet, but when a joint of strainer was set and the hole bailed it showed only fresh water. The strainer was pulled and the well is going deeper. Two rigs were up and two derricks on July 15. A new location has been made for Hardy 3, 450 feet west of Hardy 1, the first hole having been lost.

At Hnmble 5 wells were completed in the first half of July, 3 being producers with initial output of 3080 barrels and 2 dry. Sun 57 on the Bailey & West in the northern part of the field furnished the bulk of the new production, being rated a 3000 barrel well. It is the fourth drilled in this territory by the Sun Company, 1 having been dry and the other good for 400 barrels and 15 barrels respectively. The depth of the new well is in the neighborhood of 950 feet. The Sun Company is starting its No. 58 on the same land and northwest of it R. L. Blaffer and the Guffey Company are drilling. Nineteen wells were drilling at Humble on July 15.

Four wells were completed at Jennings in the first two weeks of July, all producers, for a total of 1300 barrels of new oil. Seventeen wells were drilling in the district on July 15, all but 2 being in the field proper. The Barker Oil Company's test south of the Southern Pacific tracks in the city of Jennings, and 5 or 6 miles on an air line from the oil field, is reported lost as a result of the drill stem being stuck at 1,800 feet.

The Lake Oil Company 9 at Anse la Butte, which came in July 4, making 300 barrels of oil per hour was doing about 60 barrels of oil and 250 barrels of salt water per hour on July 15. Lake 10 is drilling on a location 150 feet south of the new well. Two miles north, on the Guidry, the New Orleans Anse la Butte Oil & Mineral Company was down 1840 feet July 15, with several showings of oil reported at various depths. The J. Y. Sanders Oil Company 1 on the A. Martin, a few hundred feet from the Lake Company's wells, is below 1300 feet. On July 15 the number of wells drilling at Anse la Butte was 5, of which two were shut down and 1, the Anse la Butte O. & M. 1 on the Begnaud, was washing screen. On the same date three rigs were reported.

Two wells were completed at Spindletop, both dry. Four were drilling and 1 rig was up July 15. F. D. Smith & Company's 12 on the old Heywood lease, which was included in the drilling list on that date, is now pumping and is rated a 100 barrel producer.

Four completions were recorded at Batson, 2 being small wells, good for ten barrels each, and two dry. Three wells were drilling at Batson on July 15.

Sour Lake reported 2 completions, 1 on the Hardin County lease being a 90 barrel well, and the other on the Texas farm being dry. Seven wells were drilling and 2 rigs up July 15.

Saratoga did not report a completion during the first half of July. Guffey-Taber 4 on the Phillips strip which was dry when first tested last month, is making twenty-five darrels with the strainer reset. One well was drilling and one rig up July 15.

No work is being done at Dayton, the 3 rigs heretofore carried in the drilling list, being shut down indefinitely. South of Liberty the American Sulphur & Oil Company has resumed drilling on its third test in the Trinity river bottom.

Following are the tables of productio and well operations for the first half of July, and field reports for the same period. The list of completions, wells drilling and rigs in the various detailed reports covers the two weeks from July 1 to 14, inclusive:

GULF COAST PRODUCTION JULY 15.
(Estimated.)

SOUTHEAST TEXAS.

	June 15.	June 30.	July 15.
Saratoga	4,700	4,730	4,650
Batson	4,685	4,500	4,480
Humble	10,600	10,000	11,350
Sour Lake	5,100	5,385	5,300
Spindletop	5,300	5,000	5,000
Dayton	240	400	300
Markham	0	0	0
Goose Creek	0	400	100
Totals	30,625	30,415	31,180

LOUISIANA.

	June 15.	June 30.	July 15.
Jennings	16,700	15,000	16,000
Caddo	2,200	2,285	2,000
Anse la Butte	350	300	1,975
Welsh	160	160	150
Totals	19,410	17,745	20,125

GULF COAST REGION.

	June 15.	June 30.	July 15.
Southeast Texas	30,625	30,415	31,180
Louisiana	19,410	17,745	20,125
Totals	50,035	48,160	51,305

GULF COAST WELL SUMMARY FIRST TWO WEEKS OF JULY.

District.	Com.	Oil.	Dry.	Abd.	Pds.
Saratoga	0	0	0	0	0
Batson	4	2	2	2	20
Humble	5	3	2	7	3,080
Spindletop	2	0	2	1	0
Dayton	0	0	0	0	0
Sour Lake	2	1	1	0	90
Jennings	4	4	0	0	1,300
Caddo	0	0	0	0	0
Anse la Butte	1	1	0	0	1,500
Markham	0	0	0	0	0
Goose Creek	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	18	11	7	10	5,990
1st half June	34	22	12	28	3,130
Difference	16	11	5	18	2,860

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WELLS DRILLING AND RIGS.

District	Drilling June 30.	Drilling July 15.	Rigs June 30.	Rigs July 15.	Totls July 15.
Saratoga	0	1	1	1	2
Batson	3	3	0	0	3
Humble	18	19	1	0	19
Spindletop	4	4	1	1	5
Dayton	4	0	0	0	0
Sour Lake	7	7	2	2	9
Jennings	14	17	1	0	17
Caddo	16	21	1	0	21
Anse la Butte	6	5	0	3	8
Markham	7	10	1	2	12
Goose Creek	4	5	3	2	7
Totals	83	92	11	11	103
Totals June 30					94

MARKHAM.

COMPLETED.

None.

DRILLING.

Hardy 2, William Hadden, 450 ft. N. of Hardy 1; 780 feet.

Hardy 4, N. E. cor. lot 14 Henry Parker, ½ mile S. of Hardy 1; 1400 feet.

Hardy 5, William Hadden, ½ mile N. W. of Hardy 1; 1070 feet.

Hardy 6, William Hadden, 400 feet west of Hardy 5; 920 feet.

Hardy 7, Moore-Briggs, N. E. cor. of lot 6 of the Henry Parker, ½ mile west of Hardy 1. Tested at 950 feet and showed only fresh water. Strainer pulled and now drilling deeper.

Hardy 8, lot 16 Henry Parker, 4000 feet S. E. of Hardy 1; 1270 feet.

Guffey 1, Northern Irrigation, S. E. cor. Sec. 5, block 9, I. & G. N. land, 2800 ft. E. of Hardy 1; 1400 feet.

Guffey 1, Ramussen of the Henry Parker, 4500 ft. N. of Hardy 1, 1250 feet.

Guffey 1, N. E. cor. of the Elbert Ellis 160 acres, lot 7 of the Henry Parker, 1 mile W. of Hardy 1; 1500 feet.

Guffey 1, S. E. cor. of the Neal Foster 159 acres, survey 551 G. C. & S. F. Ry., 6000 ft. N. W. of Hardy 1; shut down at 1130 feet.

Drilling 10.

RIGS.

Hardy 3, 450 ft. W. of Hardy 1; lost hole.

Markham F. O. Co., Richmond land, section 554 G. C. & S. F. survey, 2½ miles N. W. of Hardy 1.

DERRICKS.

Hardy 9, lot 4 Henry Parker, 500 ft. E. of Hardy 1.

Hardy 10, William Hadden, 500 ft. E. of Hardy 2 and about same distance N. of Hardy 9.

LOCATION.

Guffey 1, lot 22 of the Henry Parker, 1 mile south of Hardy 1 and ½ mile S. of Hardy 4.

NOTE.

Up to July 15 the Producers Oil Company had not erected a derrick on its Hudson land, a half mile south of the Hardy 1. Apparently it is the policy of the Producers people to await results in the Hardy 4, just across the line of the Hudson on the west, and the Hardy 8, a few hundred feet east of the Hudson lease.

GOOSE CREEK.

COMPLETED.

None.

DRILLING.

Producers 2, Gaillard 350 feet southwest of Gaillard 1.

Producers 1, Duke, 3-4 mile northwest of Gaillard 1.

Producers 1, Jones, 1-2 mile north of Gaillard 1.

Producers 1, Ashbell Smith (formerly Simms & Farish 2).

Producers 1, Sweet 20 acres, 1,000 feet east of Gaillard 1.

Drilling 5.

RIGS.

Producers 1, Bush 10 acres, 1000 feet west of Gaillard 1.

Producers 1, Pelly, 1-2 mile northwest of Gaillard 1.

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St. Louis, Mo.....1213 Locust Street
Denver, Colo.....1621-1639 17th Street
San Francisco, Cal.....17-23 Beale St., 12-24 Main Street
Seattle, Wash.....Railroad Way and Occidental Avenue
Kansas City, Mo.....1221-1223 Union Avenue
Waco, Texas.....709-711 Austin Avenue
Pittsburg, Pa.....425-427 First Avenue
Atlanta, Ga.....7-9 South Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio.....Cor. Long and Third Street
Cleveland, Ohio.....61 Frankfort Street
Syracuse, N. Y.....212-214 S. Clinton Street
Rochester, N. Y.....55 E. Main Street
Houston, Texas.....113 Main Street

DERRICKS.

Guffey 1, Scorreggo 80 acres, 3,000 ft. N. W. of Gaillard 1.

Burt-McGaffey 1, Kittredge 680 acres, 2 miles S. E. of Gaillard 1.

NOTE.

Producers 1 on the Pelly started drilling July 18. Producers 1 on the Bush, Guffey 1 on the Scorreggo and Burt-McGaffey 1 on the Kittredge will be started this week.

HUMBLE.

COMPLETED.

John O'Neil 40, Butler, dry.
Producers 92, Hargraves, 40 bbls.
Sun 57, Bailey & West, 3000 bbls.
J. E. Webb 6, Cherry, dry.
Hermann 44, Hermann, 40 bbls.
Completed 5, oil 3, dry 2, new prod. 3080 bbls.

DRILLING.

Producers 77, Butler, shut down.
Producers 88, Bart, waiting standard rig.
Producers 94, Bart.
Producers 95, Bart.
Hermann 40, Hermann, shut down.
Leonard-Murphy 1, Butler.
Esperson 12, Hermann.
Simms 1, Jones, cable tools.
Rucker & Breeding 6, Landslide.
Farish Agt. 5, Butler, cable tools.
Sun 56, Holmes.
Sun 53, Fant & Freund, cable tools.
Granberry & Smith 22, Hermann.
Ninety-Nine Pumping Co. 34, O'Neil.
Guffey 1, Hirsch.
John O'Neil 41, Butler.
Guffey & Blaffer 1, McDonald.
Decker & Paddock 3, Bender.
Bartlett 1, Pickens.
Drilling 19.

DERRICKS.

Sun 58, Bailey.
Producers 96, Hermann.

ABANDONED.

Burt McGaffey 1, Fields, not completed.
John O'Neil 40, Butler, dry.
J. E. Webb 6, Cherry, dry.
Granberry & Smith 10, Hermann, dry.
Granberry & Smith 12, Hermann, dry.
Hermann 29, Hermann, dry.
Woods & Meadows 4, Dannebaum, dry.
Abandoned 7.

SPINDLETOP.

COMPLETED.

Sun Co., L. S. & C. fee simple, dry.
Wilson and Sun Co., McFaddin, dry.

DRILLING.

F. D. Smith & Co. 12, Heywood lease, rigged to pump.
Unity 17, Big Five lease of the McFaddin, rigged to pump.
Guffey 105, Gladys.
Wilson-Broach 10, Cassie lease of the Higgins.

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COMPLETED.

Browning 11, Thaxton, dry.
Haynie & Wofford 2, Brooks, 10 bbls.
Allen 2, Jordan, dry.
Denman 4, Huntington, 10 bbls. (Reported dry July 6 but strainer pulled and reset.)
Completed 4, oil 2, dry 2, new prod. 20 bbls.

DRILLING.

Guffey 84, Wing.
Reliance Oil Co., Lovett & Davis.
Meehan Bros. 1, Maryellen.

ABANDONED.

Browning 11, Thaxton.
Allen 2, Jordan.

SOUR LAKE.

COMPLETED.

Texas 126, Texas Farm, dry.
Hardin Co. Oil Co 10, Hardin Co. lease, 90 bbls.

DRILLING.

Producers 2, Rogers.
Lone Pine 2, Sour Lake Townsite, shut down.
Bordages & Guiterman 1, West.
Keever & Gordon 1, Hamilton.
Edna 1, Jackson, shut down.
Crosbie 5, Wirt-Davis, shut down.
Texas Star O. & T. Co. 4, Cannon, shut down.

RIGS.

Texas 127, Texas Farm.
Enloe & Co. 1, Gulf Coast Oil Co., north side salt marsh.

SARATOGA.

COMPLETED.

None.

DRILLING.

Garner Oil Co. 1, J. R. Teel, 3-4 mile south of field.

RIGS.

Sun 40, R. H. Kirby.

NOTE.

Guffey-Taber 4, Phillips, reported dry June 30, strainer reset, now pumping 25 bbls.

DAYTON.

NOTE.

Wells heretofore carried as drilling are shut down indefinitely. Drilling has been resumed on the American Sulphur & Oil Company's third test in the Trinity river bottom, south of Liberty. This rig was shut down on account of high water.

JENNINGS.

COMPLETED.

Producers 49, Latreille 40 acres, 400 bbls.
Producers 53, Latreille 40 acres, 300 bbls.
Producers 56, Latreille 40 acres, 500 bbls.
Heywood O. Co. 8, Eunice-Crowley, 100 bbls.
Completed 4, oil 4, new prod. 1300 bbls.

DRILLING.

C. O. & M. 38 and 39, fee simple.
Gulf R. Co. of La., 1, Clement.
Same, 69, 70 and 71, J.-H. C. S. fee simple.
National 4, Conklin. (Reported in error as on Wheat & Wilson.)
Zigler 7, Wheat & Wilson.
Heywood O. Co. 9, Eunice-Crowley.
Producers 52, Houssiere-Latreille 160 acres.
Producers 51, 54, 55 and 57, Latreille 40 acres.
Chgo-Jngs 10, Clement.
Grand Gulf 1, Lormand, south of field.
Barker 1, in Jennings city limits.
Drilling 17.

DERRICKS.

Chgo-Jngs 11, Clement.

NOTES.

New York people are building a derrick on the old Pelican Oil Company lease, half way between Jennings and the oil field, and just north of the road. A well was drilled on this property five years ago, and developed several showings.

The Crowley Oil & Sulphur Company of Crowley is drilling a test well on the upper Calcasieu river.

CADDO.

COMPLETED.

None.

DRILLING.

G. C. & O. 2, McDowell.
C. G. & O. 9, Offenhauser.
C. G. & O. 5 and 6, E. K. Smith.
C. G. & O. 1, Gilbert.
C. G. & O. 1, Hiner.
C. G. & O. 1, Donnell.
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Producers 1, Rudersdorf.
Producers 1 and 2, C. W. Lane.
Producers 2, B. B. L. Co.
Richardson 3, Etcheson & Mayfield.
J. C. Trees 1, Heilperin & Liebman.
J. C. Trees 1, Dixon.
Enterprise 2, Noel.
Dawes 1, Cong. O. Co.
Filer 1, A. L. P. & L. Co.
Rogers 2, Rogers. (Lewis station.)
Black Bayou 1, Glassell.
Texla 3, Heilperin & Liebman.
Drilling 21.

DERRICKS.

Guffey 1, Hostetter, Mooringsport.
J. C. Trees 1, S. A. Guy.
Blanchard 3, Offenhauser.
Dawes 1, J. W. White.
Filer 2, A. L. P. & L. Co.

NOTE.

The Louisiana Company completed a 300,000 barrel earthen storage reservoir on the James Harrel land, northeast of Caddo City on July 15.

ANSE LA BUTTE.

COMPLETED.

Lake 9, R. Martin; came in July 4, making 300 bbls. an hour. Making about 60 bbls. oil and about 250 bbls. water per hour July 15.

DRILLING.

J. Y. S. Oil Co. 1, A. Martin, 1315 ft.
New Orleans A. L. R. Oil & M. 1, Guidry, 1840 ft.
Lake 8, R. Martin, shut down.
Grow Co. 1, N. Patin, shut down.
Anse la Butte O. & M. 1, Begnaud; washing screen.

RIGS.

Lake 10, R. Martin, 150 ft. S. of Lake 9.
Guidros O Co., 1, N. Patin.
Deborah O. Co. 2, I. A. Broussard.

NOTES.

Production of the field July 15 about 1975 barrels.

New Orleans Anse la Butte Oil & Mineral Company 1 on the Guidry is about two miles north of the Lake Company's producing wells, and is reported as having had several showings of oil.

INCORPORATED.

Texas.

Markham Fuel Oil Company of Markham; capital stock $15,000. Incorporators: P. A. Richman, C. M. Thurston, W. J. Dyer and others.

Jackson County Oil Company of Edna; capital stock $5,000. Incorporators: J. W. Allen, A. S. White, W. K. Rose and others.

Churchill Oil Company of Palacios, incorporated with $50,000 capital stock.

Palacios Oil Company, of Palacios, incorporated with $30,000 capital stock.

Louisiana.

Minden Oil & Gas Co., of Minden, incorporated with $100,000 capital stock; E. L. Stewart, president; W. H. Webb, vice-president; F. W. Todd, secretary; R. H. Miller, treasurer.

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Horse Shoe Oil and Gas Company of Checotah; capital $6,000. Incorporators: W. J. Henson, J. V. Holt, Ira Marsh, R. D. Martin, R. R. Robinson, A. H. Livingston, Charles Burford, all of Checotah.

Barnett Oil Company of Muskogee; capital $50,000. Incorporators: W. F. Manlove, Leroy Haskell and L. B. Elyea.

Tomahawk Oil Company of Muskogee; capital $50,000. Same incorporators.

Mississippi Oil and Gas Company of Gulfport, Miss., capital stock $20,000. Incorporators: D. C. Acosta, J. L. Taylor, H. W. Albright, H. McCaughan, S. E. Naylor, all of Gulfport; Miss E. L. Clinton of Scranton, Miss. The company names as its Oklahoma agent R. R. Elliott of Tulsa.

Fraternal Oil Company of Bartlesville, capital stock $25,000. Incorporators: H. C. and Howard Webber of Bartlesville, M. U., E. H. and James Webber, all of Dewey.

Northern Oil Company of Muskogee, capital stock $10,000. Incorporators: W. O. Carr, Thomas Leahy and R. L. Folkemer.

Eufaula Oil and Gas Company of Muskogee, capital stock $12,000. Incorporators: W. O. Cromwell of Enid, John Posey of Muskogee and W. E. Temple of Holdenville.

NOTES.

At Woodland, Tex., near Marshall, a test well is down over 2,400 feet. Some gas has been developed.

Fred C. Smith has been transferred from The Texas Company's refinery at Port Neches, where he has been superintendent, to a similar post at the West Dallas, or Gates, refinery of the same company.

The test well being drilled by Dr. Robert O'Brien of Beaumont and others on the Kimmey place near Lufkin, Tex., is reported in hard rock with a good showing of gas.

The Griffith test, a mile north of Aldine, Tex., is down 1,100 feet.

The Cananea Consolidated Copper Company has obtained a five year concession from the Mexican government on a large tract of land in northern Mexico for the purpose of testing it in a search for fuel oil.

The Merimac Oil & Gas Co. of Huntsville, Ala., contemplates development of oil and gas in vicinity of Decatur.

A company has been organized with $30,000 capital stock; George Foote, president; H. A. Mills, secretary; to bore for oil in West Gulfport, Miss.

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MONSTER WILD GUSHER IN MEXICO ON FIRE

An oil gusher of far greater capacity than the Lucas well on Spindletop and perhaps surpassing even the immense spouters of the Baku field came in on the Pennsylvania Oil Company's property 55 miles south of Tampico, Mex., July 4, immediately caught fire and has since been running wild. In many respects it is the most remarkable well that has been struck in the history of oil. It is cased 1303 feet with 8-inch and is 1825 feet deep. Below the 8-inch casing it is an open hole. As the oil comes from the well it makes a solid column of fire over 400 feet high, and the detached flames go to 580 feet. The estimate of the superintendent, J. A. Pollard, puts the volume of the flow at over 50,000 barrels a day. C. H. Rathbone, formerly of Bradford, a director of the Pennsylvania Company who has been on the scene since the well started, says 50,000 barrels is conservative. There seems every reason to believe that the output is nearer twice that quantity. The fire is plainly visible in Tampico and the reflection on the sky may be seen from points 100 miles distant. The well is located near the town of Ozuluama, between Tampico and Tuxpan in the province of Vera Cruz. East of it is Lake Tamiahua, a lagoon on the Gulf coast. The fire is visible at sea, and at night has been mistaken by more than one navigator for the Tampico lighthouse.

The well was being drilled with a rotary rig, and after going through a very hard marl formation the bit went into shale about three feet. A heavy gas pressure developed and the driller pulled the 4 inch up 20 or 30 feet, thinking it was a pocket. In a few minutes the internal pressure manifested its force by bursting the wire wrapped hose connecting the slush pumps with the drill stem. The oil began to come fast, probably at the rate of 10,000 or 12,000 barrels. Efforts to get the 4 inch pipe out were futile. In twenty minutes the well was completely beyond control, and growing stronger every minute. Fissures began to appear in the ground, gas and oil coming through them. One opened directly under the boilers and started burning immediately, igniting the well, which by this time was throwing a solid 8-inch stream of oil far above the derrick. The heavy English drill pipe was hurled out of the well in sections, some of it going 150 feet in the air. Later, the 8 inch casing, which was anchored at the top, but not set at the bottom, became loosened and fell into the hole, removing all chance of controlling the well, or shutting it in. When the last report was received, nearly a week ago, it was planned to build an embankment at a point that would make a reservoir holding 1,000,000 barrels of oil. It was impossible at that time to get within less than 300 feet of the well on account of the intense heat. Some sort of sheath or cap will be constructed and steam will be used in connection with it in an effort to extinguish the fire. The well will no doubt flow until it chokes itself, as there is no pipe upon which to set a gate valve. Considering the velocity of the oil it seems improbable that a valve could be gotten on the well, even if the casing had not disappeared.

The Pennsylvania Oil Company is composed of Pennsylvania and Ohio people, among them Lew Emery, Jr., of Bradford, Pa., and Messrs. Rathbone, King and Linneman. They have been drilling for over a year on the Mexican property, and some time ago brought in a 5,000 barrel well at 2,006 feet almost a mile from the present wild gusher. The latter is the company's No. 3. Directors of the company have gone to the scene of the fire and will do everything within their power to overcome the flames and control the flow of oil, at least to the extent of preventing the flooding of the surrounding country.

It may be that the striking of this great well reveals the location of the world's greatest oil pool. Those who have seen the indications along the coast of Mexico have invariably predicted big things for the country in the oil producing line. The Pearsons of London, England, who have spent millions in developing oil in Mexico, are heavily interested in the locality in which the Pennsylvania No. 3 is situated.

BEAUMONTERS ARE INTERESTED IN WYOMING OIL STRIKE.

W. C. Tyrrell, Jr., vice president of the Heywood Oil Company of Beaumont, is in Byron, Wyo., where a company in which he is interested has recently brought in two flowing wells. Sid Keoughan, formerly of Jennings and Beaumont, is doing the drilling, and is also a stockholder in the company. Keoughan has been in Wyoming over two years, testing the properties near Byron, comprising many thousands of acres, which his company has under lease. He drilled in several small producers, but this year he got on to something better. The last well is reported good for 300 barrels of very high grade oil. The gravity is said to be over 40 degrees. The wells show a heavy gas pressure. Byron is not far from Billings, Mont., and Garland, Wyo., and is within easy distance of the Burlington railroad.

JAPAN TO RECEIVE GLENN CRUDE.

K. Kobayashi, representing the Nanboku Oil Refineries of Hiranuma, Yokohama, Japan, was a visitor in Beaumont last week, going from there to Oklahoma. It is understood that the Nanboku refineries are to receive a supply of Glenn crude, and that the oil will be loaded at the Gulf Refining Company's docks, Port Arthur on steamers of the Oriental Steamship Company, and will go to Japan via the Suez canal.

OILED ROADS FOR PENSACOLA.

With the object of building all roads of the county of crude oil and sand, the Board of County Commissioners at Pensacola, Fla., met July 15 and discussed the purchase of machinery with which to construct this class of roads. It was decided to build about half a mile of the road as an experiment before making the purchase. The commissioners believe they can build roads for $5,000 per mile, which is as cheap as the present roads of clay and gravel.

SAD AND FATAL ACCIDENT TO A SICK MULE.

Lightning struck and killed a mule in the down town section of the city Saturday afternoon. The mule was a sick one at the Carlton stables. Its head was all wrapped in a flannel, and during the height of the electrical display, the mule stuck its head out of the window in front of its stall. Suddenly, the animal keeled over. A burned spot on the head showed that it had been struck by lightning. The accident is a peculiar one, in that it could have happened as it did.—Beaumont Daily Journal.

C. H. Markham, vice-president of the Gulf Pipe Line Company, is slowly recovering at Asheville, N. C., from the fever which attacked him last May.

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It is reported on reliable authority that Pat Barkley was on the beach at Galveston July 4 wearing a bathing suit that made him look like the tail end of a man o' war. The shirt was blue, covered with white stars, while the lower portion consisted of a dizzy array of red and white stripes. They do say that he cut a figure which put the new Parisian sheath gown out of the running.

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Bill Gray, with the assistance of Barr Averill and Homer Chambers, has discovered an oil field in South America. Coming so soon after Goose Creek and Markham we tremble for fear of the effect on the oil market. Spring it gently, Bill, spring it gently.

Mr. Ben Taber, the popular and successful ranchman, chicken fancier and water well driller, recently of Anse la Butte, has moved to Markham, where he is now engaged in punching a six inch hole through red clay.

In Oklahoma the wind just now seems to be coming from the West.

Alba Heywood of San Benito, Tex., says farming beats the oil business because you can see the stuff growing on top of the ground and you don't have to go feeling for it with a half mile of pipe. True, Alby, ture. Nevertheless it takes a whole lot of watermelons and cabbages to make as much coin as one pipe will produce if you happen to jab it down in the right place.

Our old friend Lake Grow, who tapped the narrow streak of pay at Anse la Butte nine months ago, has joined the colony at San Benito. Lake's last name ought to help some in the farming business.

There is no booze at Markham. Likewise no gun toting. Drilling rigs are shut down on Sunday. This is some change after the wide-open days of Spindletop, Sour Lake, Batson and Humble. Veterans of the old fields rub their eyes and wonder if it's really true. A survivor of the rough-house days of Batson, now working on a rig at Markham, is quoted as saying that he expected to come to work some morning and hear one of the roustabouts say: "After a prayer by Brother Ben Taber, the drilling of this well will be resumed."

A Markham barber talked Patty Patterson to sleep and then cut the old goat's wool off as close to the skull as he could work his horse-clippers. When Patty woke up and looked in the glass he thought he was gazing at a Mexican dog or an escaped life-termer. He let out a roar as soon as he recognized himself. The barber told him not to worry. "It'll grow out agin," he said.

WHAT STARTED IT REGINALD—MINCE PIE OR AN UPPER-CUT ON THE JAW?

Paragraph from an article entitled "Idylls of the Stars," in the Canadian Oil Journal:

"When we look upwards towards the domed canopy of the midnight skies, scintillating and flashing in all its glory, the innumerable, seried array of starry orbs transplendent in many hued fires, some gleaming in effulgent splendour, some, plunged deep in the illimitable abysm of space, less vivid in their coruscating lustre, and some sunk even further in profundity of that mysterious infinity, but mere points of light, we note that the brighter of these glittering suns are arranged in fantastic design which by the exercise of a little imagination may in some constellations figured on our celestial globes."

No new work is in progress at Piedras Pintas, Duval County, Texas. Water has drowned out the shallow producers and the prospect for further development at this time is not promising.

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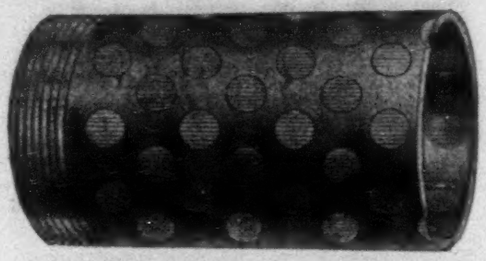

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	May 13	May 20	May 13	June 16	June 29	June July 7
District						
Spindletop	.59	57	50	50	45	42
Sour Lake	.59	57	50	50	45	42
Batson	55	53	46	46	41	38
Saratoga	..56	54	47	47	42	38
Humble	...62	60	58	50	45	42
Dayton	52	50	43	43	38	35

Gulf Pipe Line Company.

	Apr. 28	May 6	May 11	May 12	May 20	July 8
District						
Spindletop	.64	61	61	59	57	40
Sour Lake	..64	61	61	59	57	40
Saratoga	..61	58	58	56	57	39
Batson	60	57	57	55	53	39
Humble	...71	66	64	61	58	42

*Credit balance quotations suspended by this company June 8. Postings resumed July 8.

The Texas Company.

Credit balance quotations suspended by this company June 8. Following are postings up to that date:

	Feb. 4	Mch. 13	Mch. 30	Apr. 20	May 11	May 30
District						
Sour Lake	.75	72	70	68	65	62
Saratoga	..71	71	66	64	61	58
Humble	...73	70	68	65	62	60
Jennings	..70	67	64	60	57	54
Shrevep't	.70	67	64	58	55	52

Above prices do not include loading, storage or other charges on oil shipped by tank car.

NORTH TEXAS.

Navarro Refining Company.

	June 10	June 13
Corsicana, light	$0.72	$0.70
Corsicana, heavy	.50	.45
Henrietta, Texas	.60	.45

KANSAS AND OKLAHOMA.

Prairie Oil and Gas Company.

	1907 Feb. 11	1907 Mch. 9
32 gravity and over	$0.40	$0.41
32 to 31½ gravity	.37	.38
31½ to 31 gravity	.34	.38
31 to 30½ gravity	.31	.32
30½ to 30 gravity	.27	.28
Heavy or fuel oil	.27	.28

Gulf Pipe Line Company.

	1907 Dec. 5
Glenn Crude	$0.35

EASTERN STATES.

Pennsylvania	$1.78
Second sand	1.78
Tiona oil	1.78
Amber oil	1.78
Corning	1.14
Newcastle	1.22
Cabell	1.32
Butler, Ohio	1.78
North Lima	1.04
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NEW HUMBLE WELL A GOOD ONE.

The Sun Company's No. 57 on the Bailey & West tract in the northern part of the Humble field has been making 300 barrels an hour the past week, and it is the general opinion that it would do 400 barrels an hour if it were allowed to flow wide open. Less than 200 feet south of it the Producers' Oil Company is drilling on the Hargraves, and 800 feet north the Guffey Company is drilling on the Hirsch. The Sun Company is drilling close to the flowing well. On the Jones tract, in the extreme northwestern portion of the field, the Guffey & Simms well is pumping 75 barrels.

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VERDICT IN HUMBLE WELL CASE.

In the case involving the ownership of an oil well drilled by John O'Neil on acre No. 22 of the Isaacs land at Humble, the trial judge at Houston instructed the jury to find for the Sun Company. By its verdict the jury allowed O'Neil the cost of drilling the well, about $5,300. The value of the oil produced by the well was a little less than $10,000. Both parties have filed notice of appeal. The Sun Company leased the acre in question from O'Neil and drilled two wells on it, the first being good for 100 barrels and the second a small one. A dispute arose as to the drilling of a third well, the outcome being that O'Neil moved a rig on to the property and drilled a well close to the Sun's first one. It produced about 10,000 barrels of oil which was sold at from 93 cents to $1.03 a barrel. The Sun Company claimed that under the terms of its lease the well was on its portion of the acre and this was resisted by O'Neil. R. L. Blaffer was appointed receiver for the oil pending the adjudication of the matter. Minus the cost of the well and the royalty about $3,000 is involved in the case.

NOTES.

The Crowley Oil & Sulphur Company is drilling a test on Bayou Serpent, eight miles north of Iowa, La., in Calcasieu parish. It is reported, without confirmation, that 40 feet of sulphur was penetrated at 500 feet. Smith & Brady are drilling the well. The company has 278 acres under lease.

Lightning struck a 55,000 barrel tank of the J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company at El Vista, south of Spindletop during the noon hour on July 8, causing the destruction of the tank and about 2,500 barrels of Glenn crude. The pumps were delivering oil from the tank to the Gulf refinery at Port Arthur, a few miles distant, and the oil which was burned was all that remained when the lightning struck the tank.

The Edna Oil & Gas Company is drilling a test on the H. Hermsdorfer land, one mile from Mart, Texas.

The Missouri City Oil Company of Houston has been chartered at Austin with $2,000 capital by John S. Stewart, F. E. Rue and J. A. Read.

The Kansas City Southern Railroad has abolished the $1 round trip rate formerly in effect between Shreveport and Oil City, La., the latter point being the Caddo oil field.

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INCREASE OF FREIGHT RATES IN PROSPECT.

WASHINGTON, July 16.—(Special.)—Widespread increase of freight rates is the problem that threatens to confront the interstate commerce commission and to arouse the shippers of the country. Information from many sources here leads to the belief that the traffic managers of the railroads are getting ready to put their rates up higher. Some weeks ago, the report was widely current that the President and the interstate commerce commission had given their assent to a general increase in freight rates in order, so it was said, to prevent the scaling down of wages of railroad employes. Certain of the members of the interstate commerce commission denied any knowledge of such an understanding but the report has never been denied authoritatively from the White House or from the interstate commerce commission as a body. At any rate, shippers protested strongly and temporarily the railroads let the matter drift. Now, there is a revival of the talk that rates are to be increased. The interstate commerce commission expects that increases will be made, probably not as if by a concerted movement, but that they will be increased here and there gradually. Then will arise the important question of what is to be done about it. Already, shippers are disturbed over the prospect. It is known that a part of the interstate commerce commission believes the rates should be increased in order to keep up wages and make it possible for the roads to go forward with improvements without increasing capitalization. It is likely that as the result of this proposed increase the Hepburn rate law will be put to its test in the eyes of the country. If, under its operation, the freight rates are allowed to be materially advanced, it is certain a large proportion of the public will lose all confidence in the legislation.

The interstate commerce commission has lately decided cases of importance to the oil industry. In that of the National Petroleum Association va. the Ann Arbor Railroad Company and others, the complaint challenged the rates of 51 defendants for the transportation of petroleum and its products between points in official classification territory because of unreasonableness and undue preference. The commission in one order was asked to reduce thousands of rates concerning which no specific complaint was made and no evidence offered. The complaint was dismissed without prejudice but it was held that if any of the specific discriminations alleged were in violation of law they should be brought to the attention of the commission in a proceeding directed against the carrier responsible therefor. In the case of the National Petroleum Association against the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul and others, the complaint challenged the reasonableness of the defendants' rate of 20 cents per hundred pounds on petroleum and its products from Chicago to St. Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth, which was formerly in combination with rates east of Chicago to make the through rate from oil shipping points in Ohio. The complaint was dismissed without prejudice.

In another case of the National Petroleum Association against the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company and others, decided by Chairman Knapp, the complainant challenged the reasonableness of the rate of 27 cents per 100 pounds for the transportation of petroleum and its products from Chicago to Omaha.

The commission held upon the facts disclosed by the record that the rate of 27 cents is unreasonable and that for the future the rate should not exceed 24.3 cents per 100 pounds. J. S.

NOTES.

The test drilling at Cushing in the northern part of Nacogdoches County, Tex., was 860 feet and in rock on July 14.

Oil in small quantities has been developed in a well near Brownwood, Texas. Similar showings have been obtained at a number of points within a radius of fifty miles of Brownwood. The oil is unusually high grade and is found at shallow depths in this section, but no regular formation has ever been developed as a commercial proposition.

W. D. Todd and associates of Chelsea, Okla., E. N. Sanctuary of Galveston and H. B. Moore of Texas City, Tex., are reported to have applied for a charter for the Texas City Refining Company, with $150,000 capital. The plant will be located at Texas City across the bay from Galveston, and construction will commence, it is stated, on August 1. Oklahoma crude will be used.

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A SKETCH OF THE CADDO FIELD.

H. L. Wood, western representative of the Oil City Derrick, writing from Oil City, La., under date of July 9, describes operations and conditions in the Caddo field as follows:

Townships 20 and 21 and ranges 15 and 16 corner a mile north of Oil City and form the hub of the developments. Most of the wells, especially the oil wells, are located in sections 1 and 12, west of the railroad, sections 7 and 32, east of the railroad, with most of the gas wells to the southwest, in sections 17 and 18; several in sections 31 and 32, township 20, range 15, east of Mooringsport and six miles south of Pine Island. In section 13-20-16, west of the railroad and south of Oil City, there are five gassers, including the blowout, which started two years ago last February and is still as fierce as ever, the gas being fired every four or five days to evaporate the salt water.

ANOTHER BLOWOUT.

In the southeast corner of section 7-20-15, three-quarters of a mile southeast of Oil City, on his fee land, C. G. Dawes has a burning gas well that is as near like the burning gasser near Caney as two peas. When 2,065 feet deep the gas from the 820-foot stratum, reinforced probably from a lower one, blew out, letting the rig in the hole. That was a month ago. The rock pressure just before the blowout, was 720 pounds, and the volume is around 40,000,000 cubic feet. A little salt water escapes. A peculiar feature of both these burning gassers is the vapor. It looks exactly like the vapor that escapes from the stacks of smelters and forms dense clouds on a still day that resemble "thunder heads" a mile up in the air, visible for miles. While the 820-foot gas in the Caddo field is odorless, that from the 1,350-foot and the 2,200-foot strata must be mineralized to produce such dense vapor. The lower gas has a petroleum odor and carries plenty of red carbon. It would seem that these terrific blowouts would weaken the field, but as yet there is no evidence of it.

The original gasser of the Caddo field, on what is known as the S. A. Guy five acres, in section 1-20-16, about two years old, was drilled to a depth of 2,500 feet. It showed a little oil and a small gas volume with 250 pounds pressure. Some time ago the casing gave way and it is now blowing salt water above the derrick and is beyond control. If shut in a big hole would result. It is the property of the Producers' Oil Company. Two wells on the same tract produced about 80 bbls. of oil each, but have gone to salt water.

A BIG GASSER.

B. F. Rogers, of Jefferson, Tex., at the head of Caddo lake, owns 1,800 acres of land about Lewis station, four miles north of Oil City. Last week he completed a gasser at 1,045 feet, with about 450 lbs. pressure and estimated to have a volume of 40,000,000 cubic feet. This well is located a third of a mile south of Lewis, in section 24-21-16, and the well has been leased for one year to the Caddo Gas and Oil Company and the gas will be piped to Texarkana, the eight-inch line now under construction having been completed to Odessa, about half way between Oil City and Texarkana, the whole distance being 47 miles. A trace of oil showed in this well. Another gasser will be drilled at Lewis, when Mr. Rogers will drill a test for oil on some part of his tract.

At Vivian, or directly on the Louisiana and Texas state line, in section 17-22-16, 10 miles northwest of Oil City, the Caddo Gas and Oil Company is 600 feet deep in a test, and at Atlanta, Cass county, Tex., F. M. Green & Co. are down 800 feet.

A REMARKABLE FIELD.

In many respects the Caddo gas field is one of the most remarkable in the United States. The volume registered from the 800-foot stratum is very heavy, while in the 2,200-foot level it is enormous and the pressure about 1,100 pounds. It is the opinion of several operators who have carefully noted the formations that the uniform gas and oil sand of the northern and eastern fields is lacking, both the oil and gas finding lodgment in a mixed shale and sand, or other calcareous strata, or, to be more exact, pockets and detached rock suspended in the "gumbo" and alluvial deposits. This character has been noticed to a depth of 2,300 feet. Below that depth somewhere it is thought that a uniform oil sand may be found, the base for the oil and gas now in evidence. This theory seems tenable because both the gas and oil wells are of such varying character in small areas.

PRESENT PRODUCTION.

There are 17 producing oil wells, or wells that have been producing oil, although two of them are practically abandoned. It is difficult to secure an exact gauge of the wells, as many of them are handled irregularly, but a conservative estimate is not to exceed 1,500 bbls. a day. Salt water appears in the wells early and the oil becomes roilly, requiring treatment. The small wells hold good better than the big producers. The oil, gas and water seem to be in the same stratum and when one is released they mix easily. The best well yet drilled in the field is the Caddo Gas and Oil Company's No. 4 on the E. K. Smith land, in section 12-20-16, northwest of Oil City. This well had an initial production of about 700 bbls., but went off steadily to 350 bbls., at two weeks old, and the oil is now steamed or cooked. The well drilled by the Producers' Oil Company on the A. M. Gloyd land, southeast quarter of section 7-20-15, a mile and a half southeast of the Smith well, is similar to it, showing about the same initial production, going off the same way and the oil requiring treatment,

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although there is heavier gas in the Producers' well. D. C. Richardson's well in section 7, just west of the Producers' well, is making about 150 bbls.

There have been several producing wells in the 1,400-foot level, but the production comes principally from the formation encountered at 2,200 to 2,260 feet. This depth makes it a very expensive proposition, costing about $12,000 to put a well to producing. The rotary process is used here, although the Producers' Oil Company is now using cable tools to drill in, finishing with a four-inch hole. Strainers also seem to produce the best results.

FILING ON LAND IN GOOSE CREEK DISTRICT.

Land in the Goose Creek district, presumed to be the state's, including a considerable area that is under water most of the time, has been filed on by nearly forty applicants under the scrap act, the school land act and the mineral rights act. The applications take in all of the islands in San Jacinto Bay, all of Black Duck Bay and several tracts close in to the well. George F. Horton, county surveyor of Harris County, with whom the papers have been filed, has made preliminary surveys in all cases. It will be up to the state land department to pass on the applications. There is no precedent in the Southeast Texas oil country upon which to base action. The first application was filed June 8 by John W. Maddox of Austin who also filed on the mineral rights to the supposed vacant strip at Markham. Mr. Maddox wants an area 1,500 yards square in Black Duck Bay, near the mouth of Goose Creek. Lee Hager applied for the mineral rights in the same land. The other applications up to July 11 in the order of filing are given by the Houston Chronicle as follows:

F. J. DeMerritt filed under the school land act on the whole of Black Duck bay, and S. B. Strong filed on the same covering the mineral rights.

Jules Hirsch filed on all of the excess on Spillman's island under the school land act, and A. S. Sheppard filed on the mineral rights of the same.

Jules Hirsch filed on what is known as Perkins island both ways, and also on a piece of land lying south and west of the Harvey Whiting and north of the William Scott and east of the William Hilbus and James Stranger survey.

P. G. Omohundro filed under the scrap act on a tract on the mainland bounded on the north by H. F. Gilbert and Benjamin Barrow, on the east by Joseph W. Singleton, on the south by William Brittain and on the west by Harvey Whiting.

A. B. Green filed under the school land act on a tract on the mainland bounded on the north by Angus Whitlock, on the east by George Ellis and others, on the south by F. Patching and Sanford Rice and on the west by George White.

A. N. Fitzgerald filed under the school land act on one-tenth of an acre in Black Duck bay. He also desires the mineral rights on the same. Mr. Fitzgerald also filed both ways on a small island designated in San Jacinto bay.

A. B. Green filed under the school land act on the land between William Brittain on the north, William Scott on the south, C. Smith on the east, and Harvey Whiting on the west.

A. N. Fitzgerald filed both ways on a small island in San Jacinto bay opposite the Strang place.

A. B. Green filed under the school land act on all vacant land lying between the William Scott league and Harvey Whiting survey on the west and the lower William Scott league on the east, William Brittain on the north and Goose creek station on the south. Mr. Green also filed under the school land act on the land between the west line of the Harvey Whiting survey on the east and the upper William Scott league on the west and on the south by the William Scott league and on the north by the south line of the Harvey Whiting survey.

A. B. Green also filed under the scrap act on all land bounded on the north and east by Harvey Whiting, on the west by the William Scott league and on the south by the William Scott labor.

A. N. Fitzgerald filed on a chain of small islands in San Jacinto bay under both the mineral and school land acts. He also filed both ways on a small island that was created after the dredging had started on the channel through San Jacinto bay near the club house of the Morgan's Point Hunting and Fishing Club. He also filed both ways on a small island in San Jacinto bay northeast from the United States observation station on Jennings island.

The last application filed was by E. A. Eraud on a tract bounded by the J. Williams survey on the north, Ashbell Smith and others on the east, W. Brittain and others on the south and by the William Hilbus and other surveys on the west.

BEAUMONTERS TO DRILL FOR OIL IN COLUMBIA.

W. H. Gray, Barr C. Averill and Homer Chambers of Beaumont, Texas, have secured an exclusive concession from the Republic of the United States of Columbia, South America, for the purpose of boring for oil, laying pipe lines, and doing such other business as is necessary in carrying on a general oil business in that country. The territory embraced in the concession is situated near the city of Cartagena and along the banks of the Sinu river.

Messrs. Gray, Averill and Chambers, who have recently returned from Columbia, state that the indications for oil are very good, at one point near Cartagena, according to their report, being almost exactly like the indications existing on Spindletop before a flowing well had been brought in. Over a space of about fifteen acres, oil and gas are constantly coming up through the surface of the earth, the gas bubbling out through numerous little mud holes like the original gas holes at Spindletop.

At a point on the Sinu river, they found a place very similar to Sour Lake. About two miles from the bank of the river there is a hole about fifteen feet in diameter through which gas in large quantities is constantly boiling and into which oil is constantly seeping. The gas when set on fire would flame up to a height of ten or fifteen feet.

The city of Cartagena is situated about 250 miles due east of Colon, Panama, the northern terminus of the Union Oil Company's isthmian pipe line. The Beaumont men visited the Isthmus and made a study of the oil business there and the facilities for handling fuel oil. In speaking of the Union Oil Company's pipe line and fuel oil business in the Isthmus, they made the following statement:

"The Union Oil Company of California has an eight inch pipe line from La Boca on the Pacific side to Mount Hope, on the Atlantic side. The company has a large pumping station at Petrolia, near La Boca. The line is forty-eight miles long, and has four 37,000 barrel tanks at each end (one of the tanks at Mount Hope was recently destroyed by fire). The actual laying of the line was begun on April 16, 1906, and completed on October 16, 1906. The vessels of the company land at specially dredged berths on either side of the Isthmus and discharge their cargo by means of flexible hose into the company's tanks, receiving cargo in same manner. The oil comes from the Santa Barbara field in California and is loaded on the ships at Port Harford. The voyage south from California occupies from twelve to fourteen days. Of the three ships which were purchased by the Union Oil Company for transporting this oil on the Atlantic side, two of them were recently loaded at Mount Hope on the Atlantic side and sent around through the Straits of Magellan to the Pacific side. The voyage from the city of Colon to the city of Panama required sixty-one days. The Isthmian Canal Commission is now using 50,000 barrels of oil per month for fuel, the oil being delivered at the various stations along the pipe line at 90 cents per barrel. Everything is now equipped for burning oil except the locomotives and steam shovels. As yet, it has not been decided whether these will be converted into oil burners or not."

The Beaumont people state that it is their intention to begin operations at Cartagena within the next ninety days as the most of their machinery has already been placed on the ground.

Patillo Higgins is reported to have quit his leases at Hockley, Texas, where he has been prospecting for over two years. The last test went into rock salt at a shallow depth and showed nothing of an encouraging character.

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